



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

USS *Action*

PG-86

Action is the act or process of producing an effect or performing a function.

Builder: Collingwood Shipyard, Collingwood, Ontario

Length: 208'

Beam: 33'

Draft: 14' 7"

Displacement: 925 tons

Commissioned: 22 November 1942 (USN)

Decommissioned: 7 September 1945

Disposition: Transferred to the Maritime Commission

Speed:

Maximum: 17 knots

Cruising: 12 knots

Range: 7,300 nautical miles at 12 knots

Complement: 87

Armament: 2 x 3"/50; 4 x 20mm; 3 x .30 caliber Browning machine guns; 2 depth charge tracks--20 depth charges per rack; 4 depth charge "K-gun" projectors; 1 x hedgehog added 1943 (?)

Electronics: ?

History:

Action (PG-86), one of eight Canadian corvettes transferred to the U.S. under "reverse" Lend-Lease and consequently manned by a Coast Guard crew, was launched 28 July 1942 by Collingwood Shipyard, Collingwood, Ontario, as a lend-lease vessel, HMS *Comfrey*. She was renamed *Action* after being transferred to the U.S. Navy on 13 August 1942.

She was accepted 21 November 1942 and commissioned the following day under the command of LT K. Read, USNR. On 14 June 1943 LT Read turned over command of *Action* to LCDR R. D. Dean, USCG. She then began escort of convoy duties between New York and Guantamano Bay, Cuba. Between 26 March 1944 and 6 January 1945 she made a total of nine round trip voyages, including two to Key West, Florida.

Between 14 January 1945 and 24 June 1945 she was engaged on patrol duty in the New York District, usually 10 days patrol and 10 days layover. On 8 June 1945 she was ordered to sea off New York for "PRIMARY DUTY OFFSHORE SHIP CONTROL AND EMERGENCY STATIONS CONNECTION TROOP MOVEMENTS."

She departed New York 20 June 1945 for Charleston, South Carolina where she was decommissioned on 7 September 1945. She was then transferred to the Maritime Commission 18 February 1946.

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